

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
February, 2009
Montana

Caseload

- 5,397 children were served this month in this program
- 3,346 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 7.6% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.3% of all families served

Children

- 86.5% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.2% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 118 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 23.8% of all children served
- White children accounted for 77.8% of all children served

Families

- 77.1% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 87.1% of families were headed by a single parent
- 16.3% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$364 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 9.0% of the cost and the program paid 91.0%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$411
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$226
- 85.3% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Sweet Grass County at \$496 per child
- Garfield County ranks first in relative care statewide with 75.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Blaine County, where 50.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF